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Indianapolis Selected for National Project to Enhance City Bike Lanes

INDIANAPOLIS-Indianapolis has been selected as a focus city for the Green Lane Project. Launched in 2012 by PeopleForBikes, the Green Lane Project works with U.S. cities to speed the installation of protected bike lanes around the country. Through the Green Lane Project, the City will receive financial, strategic and technical assistance.

On-street lanes are separated from traffic by curbs, planters, parked cars or posts to make riding a bike a more appealing option for more people.

"We're excited that Indy has been selected as a focus city for the Green Lane Project," Mayor Greg Ballard said. "We look forward to working with PeopleForBikes and other focus cities to create bicycle infrastructure that makes people feel comfortable riding a bike, enhances our city's growing bike culture and encourages active, healthy lifestyles."

In the first two years of the program (2012 and 2013), the Green Lane Project worked closely with other major U.S. cities – Austin, Chicago, Memphis, Portland, San Francisco and Washington, DC – to build protected bike lanes. Since then, the number of protected bike lanes on city streets nationwide has nearly doubled from 80 to 142, with more than half of all growth coming from the Project's six focus cities.

Through the Green Lane Project, Indianapolis will create protected bike lanes with a focus on connecting more neighborhoods with the Indianapolis Cultural Trail and the City's extensive greenways trail system.

In 2012, the City opened the Shelby Street Cycle Track, a two-way protected bike lane—the first of its kind in Indianapolis. It connects the Fountain Square neighborhood and the Indianapolis Cultural Trail to the Pleasant Run Greenway and Garfield Park.

Indianapolis joins Atlanta, Boston, Denver, Pittsburgh and Seattle as focus cities for the intensive two-year project. Leaders from PeopleForBikes and all six focus cities will gather for a kickoff event to begin the collaboration in Indianapolis in late April.